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Claims 1-18 are pending in the application.

Claims 3-9, 14 and 15 are considered as containing allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 2, 10-13 and 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Lund et al. (5,517,495) in view of either Kawaei et al ("Terabit Switch Architecture Using Input Queuing Technique") or Mekkitikul ("scheduling Non Uniform Traffic in High Speed Packet Switches and Routers").

Claim 1 has been amended herein to include the features of claims 2 and 3. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled.

Claims 4-9 depend from claim 1.

Claim 10, 12 and 16-18 have been cancelled.

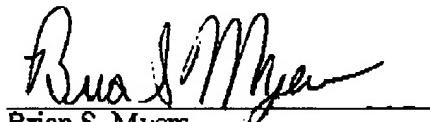
Claim 11 has been amended to include the distinguishing features found in at least applicant's claim 3.

Claims 13-15 depend from allowable claim 11.

It is respectfully requested the rejection be withdrawn and this application be placed in condition for allowance. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

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